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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117194)
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(Attention: WILLIAM D. BREDEWEG)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (62-2971) (P)

SUBJECT: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY,
ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
(CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185)
Bufile: 62-117194SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY,
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Re Bureau airtel to Albany, copies to all offices, 2/17/77; Bureau airtel to Atlanta, Detroit, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Newark, New York, Sacramento, Savannah, and WFO, 4/12/77.; and Bureau telephone call to Atlanta, 5/9/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an inventory list which sets forth the identity of Atlanta communications that the Atlanta Office is forwarding to FBIHQ as an enclosure to this airtel in connection with captioned matter.

In addition, two copies of this inventory list itself are being enclosed for recipient offices.

Referenced Bureau airtel of 2/17/77, advised of the dismissal of both civil actions in captioned matter, but per a court order, the Bureau requested each office to transmit to FBIHQ all known copies of tape recordings, transcripts and logs resulting from the FBI's microphonic and telephonic surveillances between 1963 and 1968 of the plaintiff organization's former president; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., his home, places of public accomodation occupied by him and of the plaintiff organization's offices in Atlanta, Georgia, and New York City, New York. FBIHQ subsequently advised that only the tapes, transcripts and logs should be sent to FBIHQ and not communications that included paraphrases of these elsur.

Atlanta had an electronic surveillance (elsur) on the residence of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia, and the Atlanta SCLC Office from approximately 1963-1966.

Atlanta had no known tapes or transcripts of any of these elsur, but Atlanta did have logs which contained information from these elsur and these logs were sent to FBIHQ by Atlanta on 3/14/77 for inclusion in the National Archives.

Referenced Buairtel of 4/12/77, then instructed recipients that the Department had advised that to comply with the court order in this matter it would now be necessary to locate paraphrases of this elsur information that was included in communications.

AT 62-2971

As a result, FBIHQ and recipient offices are requested to review the enclosed inventory list and then locate and retrieve the copies of Atlanta communications designated for FBIHQ and each office. All copies are to be retrieved and sent to FBIHQ, Attention: Mr. WILLIAM D. BREDEWEG, and in addition, send two copies of an inventory list of these retrieved Atlanta communications to FBIHQ.

INVENTORY LIST

Re: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

There is set forth below an inventory of the Atlanta communications that are being forwarded to FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) by Atlanta in connection with captioned matter for inclusion in the National Archives. These communications contained paraphrased electronic surveillance (e-sur) information obtained through the Atlanta elsur on the residence of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia, and/or the Atlanta SCLC Office during the 1960's.

These communications were taken from Atlanta file 157-698, Volume 6, and where these communications showed dissemination to Atlanta files, all these copies have been retrieved and are attached as enclosures to the serial listed below, which is being sent to FBIHQ:

- 1) Serials 477 and 478 of Atlanta file 157-698, which are Atlanta airtel and LHM to FBIHQ, 2/4/66, captioned "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS-C"; copies designated as follows:

3 - Bureau
1 - Birmingham
3 - Atlanta (1 - 100-5718)
(1 - 100-6670A)
(1 - 157-598) (R. T. Blackwell)

It is noted that the above item was previously retrieved by Atlanta and was forwarded to FBIHQ. This copy could not be located during the early phase of this review.

DATE: 5/17/17

FROM : SA Edward A. Shea

SUBJECT: R.T. Blackwell
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As per instructions of a court order in the case captioned "BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, et al (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1185 and SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, et al (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1186", the following serials have been removed from this file and sent to FBIHQ for inclusion in the National Archives:

Volume	Serials (List by serial or serial scope.)
6	410, 412, 413, 416, 417, 419, 420, 422 23 , 426 427, 428 29 , 430 31 , 434 35 , 432 33 , 436, 438, 437, 415 450, 451, 454, 455, 469, 476, 474, 488 89 , 490, 492 93 499, 500, 456 57 , 439, 497, 498, 440, 460, 458, 459, 495, 496, 461, 465, 464, 463, 466, 467, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 509, 452, 453, 482, 485 86 , 487, 494, 513, 510, 515, 514, 441, 442, 503 4 , 448 49 , 477 8 ,

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Brief description of activity or material Info re SCLC's dealing with Diamond Printing Company.		File where original is located if not attached <div>FOIA(b) (7) - (D)</div>

Remarks: **No further action.**

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

1 - 157-621 (Andrew Young)
1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
1 - 157-661 (Lillie Young)
1 - 100-5586 (M. L. King, Jr.)

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Atlanta, Georgia
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During the Steering Committee meeting held on July 25, 1966, question was brought up by Mrs. Sadler as to why the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is still doing business with the Diamond Printing Company. Dr. King said in answer to the question that he did not know that we were still doing business with Diamond Printing. In answer to Mrs. Mack's question, Reverend Young volunteered that Blackwell had related to him that because Diamond Printing Company had stood beside the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the recent automobile question ^{which} involving some stolen cars Diamond had been "pressured by the Federal Bureau of Investigation" to "point the finger" at SCLC in the matter of the stolen cars. He said that because Morris Finley had stood behind the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in this matter, he felt SCLC should stand beside Diamond Printing Company and still do business with them. Mrs. Hunter mentioned that she had noted on one occasion when Diamond had sent in a purchase invoice stating that certain goods had been delivered to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, that on examining the physical properties delivered she discovered the goods were not actually delivered as invoiced. Dr. King very sternly told her that if any case arises in the future of this nature that SCLC would deal very sternly with Diamond Printing Company.

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Brief description of activity or material Info re R. T. BLACKWELL		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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- 1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
- ① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
- 1 - 100-6670 (CIRM)

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Atlanta, Georgia
7/7/66

In a conversation with Francis Sims on 7/7/66 she said that Randolph T. Blackwell would commence a leave of absence from SCLC in August of 1966. She did not mention the date in August that he is supposed to leave.

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DATE: July 22, 1966

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
RM
(Bufile 157-)
(NYfile 157-1222)

COMINFIL SCLC
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(OO:AT)
(Bufile 100-438794)
(NYfile 100-149194)

Enclosed are ten copies of a LHM incorporating information from [] a source close to STANLEY LEVISON. The source was of the opinion that LEVISON was in NY and MARTIN LUTHER KING was in Atlanta. Four copies are furnished for the Atlanta

5-Bureau (Enc. 10) (RM)
4-Atlanta (157-) (Enc. 4) (RM)
 (1-100-5718) (COMINFIL SCLC)
 (1-100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
 (1-157-698) (RANDOLPH BLACKWELL)
2-Chicago (157-) (Enc. 2) (RM) (INF)
 (1-100-) (COMINFIL SCLC)
7-New York
 (1-100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)
 (1-100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)
 (1-100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (42)
 (1-100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (42)
 (1-100-148289) (HENRY WACHTEL) (42)
 (1-100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)

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Special Agent in Charge

NY 157-1222
NY 100-149194

Office since it is origin in the COMINFIL SCLC case, the KING case and the BLACKWELL. Two copies are furnished Chicago for its assistance and knowledge.

The following are the sources who furnished information used to characterize individuals in the LHM:

NY 694-S*

STANLEY LEVISON

[redacted]
the Columbia University
LYL in 1954

CLARENCE JONES

[redacted]
Anonymous Source
of WFO set out in report
of SA JOHN J. WALSH, 7/19/50
at WFO re "NLG; IS-C".

HARRY WACHTEL

BAYARD RUSTIN

[redacted]
an Attorney for
WILSON and Company,
Chicago, Ill.

RALPH HELSTEIN

RANDOLPH BLACKWELL

This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [redacted], a source which furnishes highly sensitive information about racial matters in the US and the Communist infiltration thereof; and because the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON contains a concentration of information from NY 694-S*.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
July 22, 1966

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Racial Matters

Communist Infiltration of the Southern
Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC)
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On July 21, 1966, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information indicating that Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), were in contact on that date. Their contact was in regard to fund raising for the SCLC and in particular as it concerns the SCLC's efforts in Chicago, Illinois. The two men discussed a letter which Levison has prepared for mailing to contributors, and the contents of which Levison plans to run in an advertisement in "The New York Times" on Tuesday or Wednesday, July 26-27, 1966.

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Levison said the advertisement would be headlined
"It is Not Enough to Condemn Black Power", and will read in part
as follows:

"There may be no means of obviating all riots everywhere
this summer. SCLC has, however, offered a constructive lesson in
its recent actions. 'We were daring enough to march through
Mississippi to give disciplined expression to burning indignation.
In the face of cries of black power the SCLC summoned 50,000
Negroes in the sweltering slums of Chicago to assemble non-
violently for protest and they responded magnificently".

Levison, in continuing said, he would further state in
the article that the burden now shifts to the municipal, state
and federal authorities and others in seats of power. If they
continue to use the SCLC's non-violence as a cushion for com-
placency, the wrath of those suffering will arise, Levison
remarked. He said the consequences could be an unmanageable social
disorder and moral disaster.

At King's suggestion, according to the source, Levison
said he would handle the Chicago riots in the advertisement by
noting how ironic it was that four days of rioting occurred
because of an attempt to shut off a water hydrant. After the riots
the city quickly found \$10,000 for portable swimming pools, but
meanwhile, the state was spending \$1,000,000 each day for the
National Guard. Levison cautioned King not to go off too much on
the Chicago riots in this letter, since the main purpose of the
letter and advertisement will be the subject of black power versus
non-violence.

In commenting on the SCLC's funds appeal, Levison said
an appeal was sent to 80,000 at the end of June and that the result
have been unexpectedly good. In fact, Levison said, one person
who normally contributes only \$50 gave \$1,000.

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Levison then digressed to an article he read in Wednesday's (July 20, 1960) issue of "The New York Times", attributed to Alfred Friendly, Jr., captioned "Chicago Officials Voice Concern Over Apparent Gang Alliance With Rights Leaders". Levison complained that this story quoted Edward Marciniak of the Chicago Human Relations Commission as making some stupid observations concerning King's efforts to bring gang leaders into the movement. According to Levison, the story told how the gang members were won over to non-violence and what actually came out of the story was an extraordinary victory for King. The account attempted to tell the story from the viewpoint of Chicago City morals but wound up telling the story for King.

In fact, according to Levison, the account was so favorable to King, that a public relations man in New York who represents the Field Foundation and the Taconic Foundation, contacted Clarence Jones on Wednesday, July 20, 1966, and said the SCLC should seek one million dollars in foundation money. However, prior to reading the article in the paper, the man had been very reluctant to commit himself as favoring help from the foundation.

Levison expressed doubt that either the Field Foundation or the Taconic Foundation would be the right one to approach for money for the Chicago Project because the Field Foundation is Chicago based, and King's relations with the Taconic Foundation were not very clear. Levison said that he and Jones were trying to determine what foundation would be the most suitable one.

King revealed that he would leave Atlanta on July 21, 1966 for Chicago, but would probably be in New York City on Monday night, July 25, 1966, to fill an appointment with some foundation representatives on Tuesday, July 26, 1966. Levison said the Field Foundation was bringing in the Ford Foundation and wanted to involve the Stern Family Fund in the Tuesday meeting in New York City. However, according to Harry Wachtel, the Stern Family Fund should not be brought in. Levison said he agreed, adding that the Field and Ford Foundations could handle the Citizenship Training School since it would only be a drop in the bucket for Ford.

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King said he wanted to fund the Citizenship Education Program over a five year period, therefore, felt that some other foundations should get involved.

In commenting on strategy to be used during Tuesday's meeting with the foundations, Levison suggested that an effective approach to the foundations would be to show them that it took the Youth Board in New York City almost ten years and tens of millions of dollars to accomplish what King has done in Chicago in less than a year. Levison asserted that Chicago is the only major city in the country which still has fighting gangs but that King has been the only person able to move in and do something with them. Levison felt that in view of the danger of outbreaks and the positive constructive social work done it should be well worth the support of a foundation to allow King to continue and expand his work in Chicago.

According to the source, a meeting is to be held in New York City on Tuesday, July 26, 1966, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. To the best of the source's deduction the meeting will be a Board meeting (probably the SCLC).

Levison inquired if King had given any thought to a couple of days of deliberating(while King is in New York City). King said he had and in fact, had been contacted by Bayard Rustin, and who suggested a meeting to discuss where things stood and to determine their future direction in view of the internal conflicts which now exist in the civil rights movement. King said he was very much in favor of a meeting but would be unable to remain in New York City next week, since he had to be in Chicago on Wednesday, July 27, 1966. He then suggested the meeting for Thursday and Friday, July 28-29, 1966, in Chicago, Illinois.

Levison told King that he felt that an examination was due about where the civil rights movement stood in relations to the whole decade. He said this was due to a very fundamental change in the whole white power structure. He contended that the Negro ceased being an under dog after Selma and as a consequence, they were reaching those areas where it was not easy for the white power

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structure to give cheap victories and concessions to the civil rights movement because, by doing so, it paid for them in either money, political influence or a substantial change in its social relationship. Levison pointed out that the mayors of the nation's three largest cities, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, had hardened and insisted that there was a reason why they were so firm in not making concessions at this time. Levison said "they" were coming to "hard rock" and it was important to realize it in order to understand what kind of conditions were possible.

Levison said he had a difference of opinion with Bayard Rustin about "the way coalition is expressed" and insisted that coalition always means that "the self-interest of the other group is served by the coalition". Levison said if he could not see that the other group had a self interest, he did not expect them to stay as allies.

In concluding their contact, Levison and King agreed that the following should attend the Chicago discussion on Thursday and Friday of next week: Levison, King, Rustin, Clarence Jones, Harry Wachtel, Ralph Helstein, Bob Greene, Andrew Young (Executive Director of the SCLC) and Randy, (Randolph Blackwell).

Randolph Blackwell

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Randolph Blackwell had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Randolph Blackwell attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Stanley Levison

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963 and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the Civil Rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position in Civil Rights. Levison's differences with the CP however are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

Clarence Jones

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1957, that he identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Harry Wachtel

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, New York.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information in December, 1949, that Harry H. Wachtel, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on a list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which revealed that the name Harry Wachtel was on a list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party (CP) at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding Harry Wachtel's wife, Leonora, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed that her name and address were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County CP.

With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the President, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

Bayard Rustin

In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come

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to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 25, 1963, that during a meeting of the National Board, CP, USA, on that date, Benjamin J. Davis remarked that "Rustin calls me constantly--openly."

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 21, 1964, that as of that date, Benjamin J. Davis was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

Ralph Helstein

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during 1946 he asked Ralph Helstein (President of the United Packing House Workers of America) if he was a Communist. Helstein replied to the effect that he probably could be considered a Communist in view of the nature of his belief. Helstein did not elaborate or explain this statement.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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- 2 - 157-283 (Dalton Klavern)P
- 1 - 157-1914 (JEROME BURNETTE)
- 1 - 157-1880 (MAX THOMPSON) P
- 1 - 157-1902 (DON HUGHES)
- 1 - 157-1879 (BEN WHITFIELD)
- 1 - 157-875 (WARREN McALLISTER)
- 1 - 157-1158 (H. C. KING)P
- 1 - 157-1295 (BILL ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1163 (CLAYTON ENGLAND)
- 1 - 157-1814 (GEORGE BEDWELL)
- 1 - 157-1724 (KENNETH INGRAM)
- ① - 157-874 (DON BOWERS)
- 2 - 157-175 (7 Hills Klavern, Shannon)P

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"June 30, 1966

"Dalton, Ga.

"Closed meeting of Dalton, Ga. Klavern of United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in the C. B. Radio Club house at Morningside Drive and Civic Ave. in Dalton, Ga. Wed., June 29, 1966.

"The attendance at this meeting was better than usual, partly because four Klansmen came from the Shannon, Ga. Klavern. The Shannon Klansmen who attended were Jerome Burnette, Max Thompson, Dan Hughes, and Ben Whitfield. Also present were the usual Dalton Klansmen, these being Warren McAllister, H. C. King, Bill Roberts, Clayton England, George L. Bedwell, and Kenneth Ingram, and Don Bowers.

"At this meeting, the lodge elected three delegates to attend the Klan State Convention, these being Don Bowers, Clayton England, and Bill Roberts. The treasury of this Klavern now contains only \$5.00."

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It is understood as of this date that Randolph T. Blackwell, Program Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has submitted a request for a leave of absence from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. It is not known now long his leave is anticipated. It is also not known whether or not his leave of absence has been accepted by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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- 1 - 100-5715 (SCLC)
- 1 - 157-257 (Ralph Abernathy)
- 1 - 100-6684 (James Harrison)
- 1 - 100-5526 (M. L. King, Jr.)
- 1 - 157-699 (R. T. Blackwell)
- 1 - 157-621 (Andrew Young)
- 1 - 157-895 (Helen Williams)
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It was decided at the 6/13/66 financial meeting that a substantial scaling down of the activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the area of spending money was necessary at this time.

A steering committee was set up composed of Reverend Andrew Young, Dr. Martin Luther King and Reverend Ralph David Abernathy. The ex officio members of this committee who the committee designates in their absence are Mrs. Sadler who is the comptroller of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and James Harrison who is the accountant. The relationship between the committee and the ex officio members is this: Mrs. Sadler and Harrison are to consult the committee whenever necessary for advice and also for permission to make expenditures. It was also observed that as of July 1, 1966, each department of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference must submit a month's budget. This month's budget must also be broken down to weeks. The steering committee will meet every week with Mrs. Sadler and Mr. Harrison. At that time, the past week's financial situation will be gone over, that is, the bank balance will be given, total expenditures made the previous week will be cited by each department, budgets for the coming week will be reviewed with the steering committee. Any suggestions that Harrison and Mrs. Sadler have to give to the committee will be discussed at that time also.

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- 1 - 100-6718 (SCLC)
- 1 - 100-6684 (JAMES HARRISON)
- 1 - 157-257 (RALPH ABERNATHY)
- 1 - 100-5586 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- ① - 157-698 (R. T. BLACKWELL)
- 1 - 157-621 (ANDREW YOUNG)
- 1 - 157-895 (HOSEA WILLIAMS)
- 1 - 100-6670 (CIRM)

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On 6/13/66 the Southern Christian Leadership Conference held a financial meeting. This meeting was attended by Dr. Martin Luther King, Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, Stanley Levison, Clarence Jones, Harry Wachtel, James Harrison, Mrs. Sadler, the comptroller of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The following persons attended part time: Reverend Andrew Young, Randolph T. Blackwell, Hosea Williams. This meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the financial situation that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference finds itself in. Briefly, that situation is one of a great deal of debt with no immediate funds on hand to take care of that debt.

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 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)
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- (1 - 157-1818) (FRANCES SIMS)
 (1 - 157-698) (R. T. BLACKWELL)

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Atlanta, Georgia

July 12, 1966

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On July 7, 1966, a confidential source advised FRANCES SIMS, secretary to Program Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), informed some employees of SCLC that RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, Program Director, SCLC, would commence a leave of absence from SCLC during August, 1966. SIMS did not mention any specific details regarding this matter.

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RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Reference	Letterhead Memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Atlanta, Georgia.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)
 RE: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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 copies and for New York 1 copy of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [REDACTED]

Sources utilized to characterize BLACKWELL
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 dissemination of information furnished by this source to
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- 3 - Atlanta (1 - 100-5718)

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On June 30, 1966, a confidential source advised that as of that date it was understood by a number of employees of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) that RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, Program Director, SCLC, had submitted a request to the SCLC executive board for a leave of absence from SCLC.

Source advised it was not known for how long a period BLACKWELL requested a leave of absence or what action would be taken by the SCLC board concerning this request.

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RANDOLPH BLACKWELL

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The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670)

RE: CIRM

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Re Atlanta teletype 6/14/66 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 8 copies and for New York 4 copies LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [REDACTED]

Source used to characterize BELAFONTE is NY 694-S*.
 Sources used to characterize BLACKWELL are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
 Source used to characterize JONES is ALBERT BROWN, Chairman, Columbia University Labor Youth League in 1954.
 Source used to characterize LEVISON is NY 694-S*. Sources used to characterize WACHTEL are Anonymous source of WFO set out in report of SA JOHN J. WALSH, 7/19/50, at WFO re "NLG; IS-C," and [REDACTED].

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 - (1- 100-438794) (SCLC)
- 4 - New York (Enc. 4) (RM)
 - (1- 100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON)
 - (1- 100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES)
 - (1- 100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL)
- ⑨ - Atlanta
 - (1 - 100-6670)
 - [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 157-257) (RALPH ABERNATHY)
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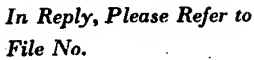
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AT 100-6670

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Atlanta, Georgia
June 23, 1966

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On June 15, 1966, confidential source advised that on June 13, 1966, pursuant to instructions of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the following individuals held an all day meeting at SCLC headquarters: Reverend KING; RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC; Mrs. WILLIE B. SADLER, Acting Comptroller, SCLC; JAMES HARRISON, SCLC Accountant; CLARENCE JONES; STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY WACHTEL. ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive Director, SCLC, RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, Program Director, SCLC, and HOSEA WILLIAMS, Director of Voter Registration, SCLC, attended portions of this meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to examine the current financial position of SCLC and determine methods whereby the monthly expenses of the organization might be reduced. As of June 13, 1966, computations made by the Finance Office, SCLC, reflected that during the preceding three month period, expenditures by SCLC exceeded receipts by approximately \$26,000 monthly.

During this meeting in regard to income anticipated by SCLC, Reverend KING referred to the European tour he made during the Spring of 1966. He said while his appearance in Paris, France, proved to be a failure (not explained) so far as raising funds for SCLC was concerned, \$120,000 will shortly be forthcoming from Sweden as a result of the European tour. He said the transfer of this money to SCLC is currently being delayed because of a necessary audit thereof being conducted by Swedish Government officials.

Reverend KING said that HARRY BELAFONTE's expenses in organizing the European tour amounted to approximately \$20,000 and BELAFONTE will be reimbursed by SCLC when the

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aforementioned money is received from Sweden.

WACHTEL suggested that SCLC request the Swedish Government to immediately release \$50,000 of the total amount to which SCLC is entitled. He said the money raised in Sweden was raised for SCLC in order to assist it to cope with emergency civil rights situations. Therefore, the request for immediate transfer of \$50,000 could be justified by SCLC's participation in the civil rights emergency created by the recent shooting of JAMES H. MEREDITH in Mississippi.

Source observed WACHTEL's suggestion was not adopted during this meeting.

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HARRY BELAFONTE

On October 28, 1958, a confidential source advised that according to JEAN SMITH, Secretary at Communist Party Headquarters, New York, HARRY BELAFONTE had been a member of the Young Communist League (YCL) before coming into prominence as an entertainer.

The YCL has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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RANDOLPH BLACKWELL

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The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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CLARENCE JONES

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A confidential source advised on February 26, 1957, that he had identified a photograph of CLARENCE JONES as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of, and in a position of leadership in, the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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STANLEY LEVISON

A confidential source advised in April, 1964, that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. LEVISON was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position in civil rights. LEVISON's differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism.

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

A confidential source furnished information in December, 1949, that HARRY H. WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on the list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, a confidential source furnished information which revealed that the name HARRY WACHTEL was on the list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding HARRY WACHTEL's wife, LEONORA, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed her name and address were on a list of names of newly-elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild":

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

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Atlanta, Georgia

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Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670)
 RE: CIRM

Re Atlanta teletype 6/14/66.

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 for New York 4 copies, and for Detroit 2 copies LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [REDACTED].

Sources used to characterize BLACKWELL are [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

Source used to characterize JONES is [REDACTED],
 [REDACTED] Columbia University Labor Youth League in 1954.

Source used to characterize LEVISON is NY 694-S* 15/

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 (1 - 157-660) (CAROL HOOVER)

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Special Agent in Charge

AT 100-6670

Sources used to characterize WACHTEL are [redacted] and Anonymous source of WFO set out in report of SA JOHN J. WALSH, 7/19/50, at WFO re "NLG; IS-C."

Source used to characterize HOOVER is [redacted].

For the information of Detroit, CAROL HOOVER is a light complected Negro female, marital status single. UACB, Detroit will ascertain whether records of the Detroit Police Department reflect any charges outstanding against HOOVER as indicated by information set forth in the enclosed LHM.

The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information from NY 694-S*, [redacted] and [redacted]. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature. *12/1 u*

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for this function, [] had collected approximately \$3,000 but upon cancellation of the concert she was unable to produce the \$3,000 in order that this money could be refunded to ticket purchasers. In addition, Reverend KING said [] wrote a number of checks for which she had insufficient funds on deposit. As a consequence, charges (not specified) have been made against her. (X) ✓

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A characterization of the SCEF is attached hereto.

On August 22, 1964, CAROL HOOVER of SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia, told STANLEY LEVISON she was glad to have seen him at a party the previous Wednesday, according to a confidential source.

She also asked LEVISON for a financial contribution to the campaign fund of DONALD L. HOLLOWELL who was running for Judge of the Superior Court, Atlanta, Georgia.

LEVISON advised HOOVER that in response to her request he had contributed \$50.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "Organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

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A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 2, 1965, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 8 copies, for Los Angeles 1 copy and for New York 4 copies LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [REDACTED]

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Inasmuch as the enclosed LHM refers to GWENDOLYN GREEN and SIDNEY MOORE of the Western Christian Leadership Conference, one copy enclosed LHM is being furnished Los Angeles.

The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information from NY 694-S* and [REDACTED]. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informants in furnishing information of this nature. (S) 1 ✓

Dissemination of information furnished by [REDACTED] should be classified Confidential because this source occupies a sensitive position with SCLC and dissemination of information furnished by this source to unauthorized individuals could reasonably result in jeopardizing his security.



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Reverend KING suggested that the monthly expenditures of SCLC be limited to \$50,000. In effort to enforce this limitation, a Steering Committee was appointed composed of Reverend KING, ABERNATHY and YOUNG. Commencing July 1, 1966, departmental heads will be required to review anticipated expenditures with the Steering Committee and secure the permission of the committee prior to making such expenditures. In (X) ✓

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Source observed the foregoing deletion of personnel and adjustment of salaries would amount to a savings of approximately \$3,200 per month to SCLC. (X) v

In regard to the adjustment of STEIN's salary, Reverend KING stated he was not satisfied with the results of STEIN's fund raising efforts on behalf of SCLC and (X) v

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According to the article, the conference opened with a banquet on April 28, 1966, and HARRY WACHTEL, Executive Vice-President of AFON read a statement by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Honorary Chairman of AFON, expressing his hope that the conference "will speed the day when justice in the South is a fact, not a problem."

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The source further stated that approximately 175 persons attended the speech of Senator PHILIP HART, of Michigan, on the evening of April 29, 1966. Senator HART spoke on new civil rights legislation which had been introduced in the Congress.

The source stated that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, Program Director of the SCLC, confined his speech to details of poverty existing in two counties in Alabama, and that about 75 persons heard him speak.

The source also advised that the program on April 30, 1966, was attended by about 50 students and these did not remain until the end. The source stated that, in his opinion, the conference was not a success.

This source stated that ALAN WACHTEL, a sophomore at Oberlin College, was co-chairman of the conference but took very little part in running the conference. He stated that WACHTEL's father, HARRY WACHTEL, appeared to run the entire conference and introduced all the speakers.

RANDOLPH BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a fourth confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A fifth confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U.S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (and Appendixes), revised and published December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., cited National Lawyers Guild as follows:

"Cited as a Communist front.

"(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

"To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are * * * the National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'

"(Internal Security Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, page 91.)"

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Cleveland, Ohio
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	COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Cleveland, Ohio.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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- 1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
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- ① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
- 1 - 157-566 (Edwina Smith)
- 1 - 157-973 (Junius Griffin)
- 1 - 100-5586 (M.L. King, Jr.)
- 1 - 157-257 (Ralph Abernathy)

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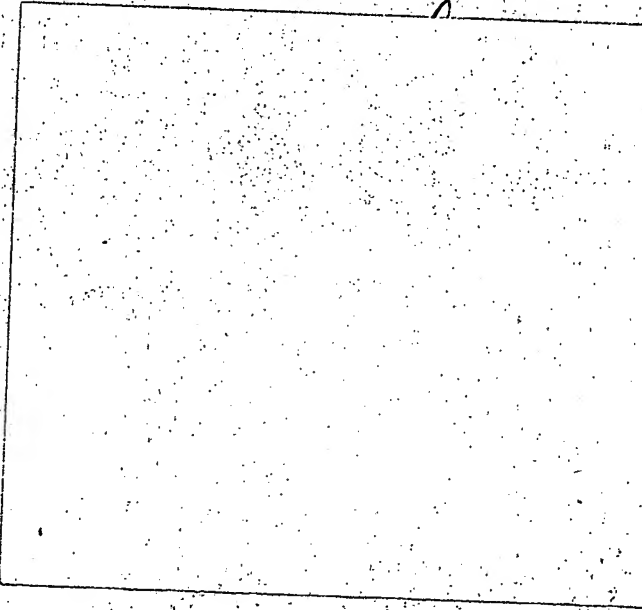
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It is understood RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL threatened to resign from SCLC during the SCLC board meeting held 4/12-13/66 in Miami, Florida. BLACKWELL's reason or reasons are not known. However, it appears the Executive Board did not accept his resignation.

A short time prior to this board meeting, JUNIUS GRIFFIN submitted his resignation to SCLC. GRIFFIN attended the board meeting in view of the fact Reverend KING asked him to come to Miami and handle the SCLC press conference held during the board meeting.

It is further understood that GRIFFIN has been asked by SCLC to continue in his position of Director of Public Relations for a period of time. How long he will remain in this fashion is not known.



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- 1 - 100-5718
- 1 - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
- 1 - 157-895 (Hosea Williams)
- 1 - 100-6684 (James Harrison)
- 1 - 157-621 (Andrew Young)

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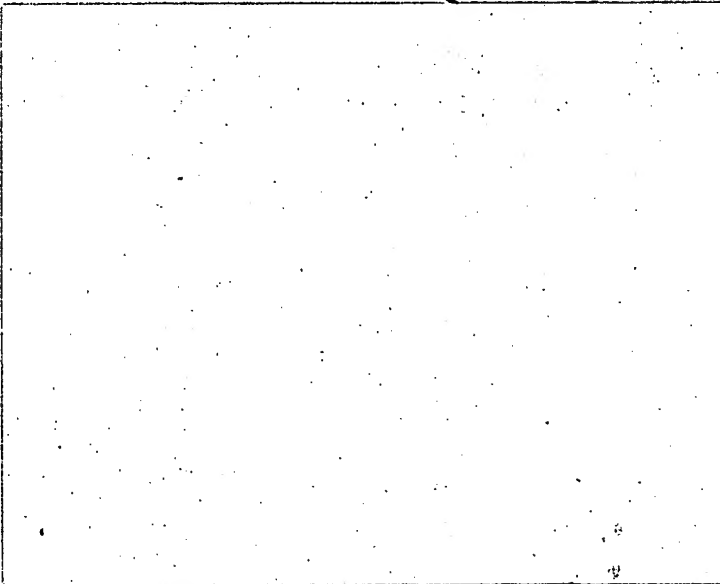
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4/18/66

On 4/12/66 Hosea Williams mentioned to James Harrison that Randolph T. Blackwell had maliciously left out a great segment of his report pertaining to his department. He said that this report was given to all the board members. He said that he asked Reverend Young could he give his report verbally because it had been so distorted by having a portion of it left out. He mentioned this to Blackwell and Blackwell said that Williams knew he did not bring all of his report to be printed at the same time. Hosea said that he mentioned to Blackwell he knew he did not bring the whole report at one time but that he felt that he brought it within time enough to get it all together.

All the reports from each department were given in writing to the SCLC Board Meeting. Randolph T. Blackwell, it is believed, was in charge of putting all the reports together in a large book.



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1 - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
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"On the morning of 3/28/66, Harrison was proceeding out of the building of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to have some keys made. As he got to the door [redacted] called to him and asked him if he would step over to his desk. He was sitting at the desk of Frances Sims who is the secretary to Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell.

[redacted] said to Harrison you know I really do believe Blackwell is a "punk." Harrison said he had no idea that Blackwell had homosexual tendencies."

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1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)

1 - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)

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"Atlanta, Georgia
4/4/66

"As of this date, R. T. Blackwell has never
discussed at any length the recent matter of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and the shortage in a bank deposit."

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1 - 157-661 (Lillie Hunter)
1 - 100-6684 (James Harrison)
① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
1 - 157-895 (Hosea Williams)

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"Atlanta, Georgia
3/3/68

"Mrs. Lillie A. Hunter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Finance Office, as of approximately 2/28/68, had some knowledge that [redacted] had carried a deposit to the bank and that a shortage had been determined after the deposit had actually been made. Hunter commented to James Harrison that Randolph T. Blackwell and [redacted] have been having an affair.

"Hunter also stated that at one time in the past during an SCLC function at Frognore, Blackwell had approached Hosea Williams from a homosexual standpoint. Williams flatly turned Blackwell down on this occasion. This incident, according to Hunter, is the basis for considerable hard feeling between Blackwell and Williams.

"On this occasion it was observed Hunter mentioned this as a matter of fact rather than with any particular animosity on her part."

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Re Bureau airtel to New York 4/4/66 and Bureau airtel to Miami 4/5/66.

As of this date, Atlanta sources have not ascertained any information bearing upon the location of the SCLC Executive Staff meeting to be held in Miami on 4/11/66.

Pursuant to referenced Bureau airtel 4/4/66 there are enclosed for Miami 2 photographs (reflecting available descriptive data) each of the following individuals: JOHN BARBER, Executive Assistant to the President, SCLC, RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, Program Director, SCLC, HARRY G. BOYTE, Director of Project Dialogue, SCLC, CAROL HOOVER, Director of Special Events, SCLC, and CORDY T. VIVIAN.

Information has previously been made available to Miami indicating that BOYTE and HOOVER have been in Miami making some preparations for the SCLC board meeting scheduled for 4/12-13/66. Information has also been made available to Miami that BLACKWELL contemplates attending this meeting and invited CORDY T. VIVIAN to also attend.

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VIVIAN is currently connected with the Urban Training Center for Christian Missions in Chicago, Illinois; however, it is understood he maintains some degree of affiliation with SCLC, the exact nature of which is not currently known.

A photograph of JOHN BARBER is being enclosed for Miami on the assumption that BARBER undoubtedly will attend the board meeting even though as of this date no specific information concerning his attendance has been developed.

For the information of Miami, with the exception of BARBER, each of the other enclosed photographs was copied from the June, 1965 issue of "Ebony" magazine. The photograph of BARBER was taken in 1961; however, during February, 1966 Agents of the Atlanta Office determined this photograph is a very good likeness of BARBER.

Each of the aforementioned five individuals has or has had subversive connections.

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1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
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1 - 100-6684 (JAMES HARRISON)
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"Atlanta, Georgia
3/3/66

"On approximately 2/24/66, [redacted] of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was sent to the Citizens and Southern Bank with several items for deposit. One of the items for deposit was approximately \$51.

"Upon [redacted] to SCLC, Mary Willingham re-added the deposit receipts obtained from the bank and as a result ascertained approximately \$41 was lacking from the amount actually deposited.

"Immediately thereafter this matter was discussed with Randolph T. Blackwell. Present at this discussion were [redacted] Mary Willingham and James Harrison. Blackwell stated that the matter should not be discussed at all until a thorough investigation was made to determine what had happened to the money. After [redacted] and Willingham left Blackwell instructed Harrison to go to the bank the following morning in order to make appropriate inquiry. He told Harrison he would accompany him to the bank.

"On 2/25/66, Harrison advised Blackwell he was ready to proceed to the bank pursuant to his instructions and Blackwell replied he would be ready in a moment. Approximately one and a half hours later Blackwell told Harrison he would not be able to accompany him to the bank because of the pressure of business in his office and requested Harrison to proceed to the bank and conduct appropriate investigation.

"Harrison determined that the money in question obviously had to be missing between the time it originally left the SCLC finance office and the time the entire deposit was made at the bank. It was determined that a new deposit slip had been prepared for presentation to the bank and that this deposit slip did not reflect the amount of cash in question.

It was also observed that the handwriting on the new deposit slip appeared similar to the handwriting of [REDACTED]

"Harrison's findings were furnished to Blackwell and he was advised the logical conclusion indicated that [REDACTED] possibly did take the money.

"Blackwell informed Harrison he would take appropriate action. It is noted that as of 3/3/66 there has been no indication Blackwell has taken any action whatsoever regarding this entire matter."

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1 - 157-257 (RALPH ABERNATHY)
1 - 157-895 (HOSEA WILLIAMS)
1 - 157-698 (R. T. BLACKWELL)
1 - 157-639 (DOROTHY COTTON)
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On 3/15/66 James Harrison told Reverend Abernathy that a memorandum had been sent to him by Mr. Junius Griffin in connection with placing Mr. Leonard R. Mitchell on the payroll. He said to Reverend Abernathy that the memorandum apparently had been signed by him and "O.K." indicated thereon and that each member of the personnel committee had signed the memorandum also; personnel committee being R. T. Blackwell, Andy Young, Dorothy Cotton, and Hosea Williams.

He said that a memorandum has been received by him from Mr. Hosea Williams which gave him a dissenting vote on hiring Leonard Mitchell and putting him on a salary. Reverend Abernathy said that he would suggest that we ignore Mr. Williams' memorandum for the time and place Mr. Mitchell on the payroll and that the matter would be taken up again at an SCIC executive staff meeting.

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- 1 - 157-698 (R. T. BLACKWELL)**
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"Atlanta, Georgia
3/10/66

"On 3/7/66 Harrison called Reverend Ralph David Abernathy at his home and conveyed the incident of money being missing from the deposits during the week of 3/1/66. He explained in detail what had been done in regard to getting information to Mr. Blackwell about the theft. Reverend Abernathy thanked Harrison vigorously for bringing this to his attention and said that he would want to deal with it personally."